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IN THE CLAIMS

1-12 (canceled)

13. (currently amended) A method for producing an image on a receiving substrate in a printing apparatus, comprising the steps of:

- a. imagewise applying liquid ink to a first side of the receiving substrate using a noncontact inkjet printing head while transporting the receiving substrate along a first substantially straight portion;
- b. subsequently transporting the receiving substrate along a first convex curve while actively drying the receiving substrate;
- c. subsequently transporting the receiving substrate along a second substantially straight portion;
- d. subsequently transporting the receiving substrate along a second convex curve while actively drying the receiving substrate.

14. (previously presented) A method according to claim 13, wherein the step of transporting the receiving substrate along the second substantially straight portion further comprises active drying of the receiving substrate.

15. (previously presented) A method for producing an image on a receiving substrate in a printing apparatus, comprising the steps of:

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- a. imagewise applying liquid ink to a first side of the receiving substrate while transporting the receiving substrate along a first substantially straight portion;
- b. subsequently transporting the receiving substrate along a first convex curve while actively drying the receiving substrate;
- c. imagewise applying liquid ink to a second side of the receiving substrate opposite to said first side while transporting the receiving substrate along a second substantially straight portion;
- d. subsequently transporting the receiving substrate along a second convex curve while actively drying the receiving substrate;
- e. subsequently transporting the receiving substrate along a third substantially straight portion;
- f. subsequently transporting the receiving substrate along a third convex curve while actively drying the receiving substrate.

16. (previously presented) A method according to claim 15, wherein the step of transporting the receiving substrate along the third substantially straight portion further comprises active drying of the receiving substrate.